



ALEXANDRIA.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27.

The papers from the South continue to be filled with accounts of the woe and distress in the Southern States—of the incendiary and outrageous conduct of the blacks—of the oppression and misery of the white population—and of the brutal outrages often inflicted upon white aged men, women and children. If a moiety even of these statements are correct, no such scenes have been witnessed in a civilized country for half a century or more. It is not, as we have said before, only suffering of the body, not alone physical distress; but the torture of the mind; it is subjection—ruin—exile. The Chicago Tribune (Radical) says: "Between the white exclusion of the whites and the universal enfranchisement of the blacks, Tennessee is a political Pandemonium." A letter from South Carolina says: "No country is more terribly scourged with rogues and marauders than this at present. Hogs, cattle, poultry, horses are swept away, and all the ordinary precautions fail to afford security." A lady at Kingston, Alabama, has written an appeal to the "Christian women of the North," to use their influence to save the women of the South from the terrible perils which the Radical policy of reconstruction is forcing upon them. "Large numbers of families in the South are left without any male head, and the females have to work and toil in the field, and are there, as everywhere else, constantly subjected to the insults and outrages of half civilized negroes, who know no law but their own lusts and desires." A New Orleans paper says, "that well authenticated accounts reach us from the country districts respecting the increasing poverty, desolation, and desperation of the people, and especially of the negroes. The unprecedented failure of every kind of cultivation has plunged a very large class of the negroes on the verge of starvation. It is driving them to acts of desperation and wholesale robbery, which are rapidly consuming what is left on the plantations from the general wreck." These are extracts taken at random from the mass of published statements before us. We could fill our columns with similar accounts. Where is justice—where is common humanity?

A cotemporary, speaking of "STATE RIGHTS," declares that if we ask for them, and of them, Virginia, and the Carolinas, Florida, Alabama, and the other Southern States, moaning throughout their beautiful country, "give signs of woe that all is lost," and utter the same wail of despair—"Gone forever!" Not so—no—so—we hope! Some of our ancient institutions and of our former customs and laws, may be, and probably are, gone forever! But we do not believe that the "lost cause" includes altogether the entire loss of the rights of the States. For their preservation, in a degree, at least, there will be the same contest, in the forum, which freedom and justice always make against power and wrong. Every inch of the ground will be battled for before the people, before the Courts, in the legislative halls, and in every place where the Constitution can have a hearing, and can possibly be sustained. We will not relinquish the idea that, ultimately, the Rights of the States will be recognized, and acknowledged by the great mass of the people; and become, as they should be, the corner stone of the temple of Constitutional Republican Government, however "adverse fate may appear" at this time. We want no limitless Empire, consolidated by power, and maintained by standing armies and high taxes.—We want a Republic of States, with their original rights preserved.

The heart rending particulars of the killing of Mr. Hamilton, a late member of Congress from Ohio, at Maysville in that State, by his insane son, are published in the newspapers. A fit of phrenzy seems to have come upon the unfortunate young man, and after he killed his father, by a heavy blow with a stick, he attempted to destroy his mother and some other members of the family—but fortunately, they made their escape. He was finally knocked down and secured. An awful tragedy! To what calamities we are exposed, and how dreadful are sometimes the woes to which we are liable to suffer, even when we least think of the impending stroke!

Gen. Gillem, who was detailed by Gen. Ord to proceed to Washington and represent the destitution existing in Mississippi, arrived yesterday, and has had interviews with the President and Gen. Grant. Gen. Gillem represents affairs as very gloomy, and thinks immediate aid is required from the government, or the charitable, to prevent very great sufferings.

The rumors relative to the reduction of the regular army are, it is said, unfounded. Gen. Grant has not recommended any such measure, as reported in some papers. On the contrary, he stated in his communication to the Committee on Military Affairs, a short time since, that he did not think a reduction of the force at the present time at all advisable.

We have accounts, (see paragraph in News of the Day,) of the suffering and destitute condition of the U. S. troops sent out to "Russian America." It appears that there is no way to relieve them, and that all access to our Northern paradise is barred by the eternal snows and ice. This is a beginning; and worse, perhaps, "remains behind."

Mr. Henry Ward Beecher has lately made proclamation in a sermon that the devil "owns the city of New York." Several of the New York papers deny the statement, and among them the Times, which devotes nearly a column to its refutation!! This is a rather curious topic of discussion.

One Radical paper says that Ashley, the impeacher, was not a man of ability enough to have been allowed to take the leadership in the late impeachment business. Another, irritated at his folly, says he is not "fit" to be a member of Congress, at all. This reminds us of a story Sheridan once told in the British House of Commons, when he was running his rigs upon Lord Melville: "I remember," said Sheridan, "the anecdote of a Scotchman who wrote four acts of a tragedy, which he showed to Mr. Garrick, who dissuaded him from finishing it, telling him his talents did not lay that way. So Johnny abandoned the tragedy and set about writing a comedy. This he showed, also, to Garrick, who at once condemned it. 'Nay, now,' said Johnny 'did you not tell me, my talents did not lie in tragedy? Yes, said Garrick, but I did not tell you they lay in comedy! Then, exclaimed Johnny, 'gin they dinna lie there, where the de'il do they lie, mon?'" So if Mr. Ashley's talents do not lie in impeaching, or even in being a member of Congress, "where the de'il do they lie, mon?"

"The Old Capitol and its inmates," is the title of a work, published by Hale & Son, N. Y., written by "a lady, who enjoyed the hospitalities of the Government for a season," at the prison house, in Washington. It will be read with interest, not only by those who "enjoyed the same hospitalities," but by many others, in all portions of the country. The "Old Capitol" will bring up a thousand recollections of wrongs and sufferings. The price of the book is \$1.50. It is for sale by J. & W. J. Entwistle, at their book store, King street.

Capt. Reynolds, of the U. S. steamer Lackawanna, has taken formal possession of Brook's Island, in the Pacific, for the U. S. Dr. Kennedy, the surgeon of the Lackawanna, made an examination for the new territory. He reports it to consist of two distinct coral islands, surrounded by a barren reef. The soil in thin, producing only low shrubs, herbs, and coarse grasses.

According to the testimony of the survivors of the recent railroad accident at Angola (Lake Shore road) the scene on that occasion must have been awful. The fall of the cars from the bridge, the crash and wreck, fire, everything combined to heighten the terrors of the dreadful disaster. In a few minutes, all around was ruin and death!

A letter from the Secretary of War to the Chairman of the Committee on Southern Railroads, shows that of the near eight millions of dollars' worth of property sold to these roads at the close of the war, about five millions remain unpaid.

The Raleigh Sentinel of the 24th, calls the attention of the military authorities to the terrible state of affairs existing in certain parts of North Carolina, owing to the lawless depredations and outrages of the blacks.

In the Christmas "revelry" in Memphis, a policeman was shot and killed—a black boy was killed by another black boy, and a dozen black people shot themselves accidentally by firing pistols loaded with balls.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A difficulty occurred at Hampton, Virginia, on Christmas Day, in which Lattimer, a Deputy Sheriff, shot a negro. The blacks soon gathered in force, and finally drove Lattimer from his house, in which he had taken refuge. Lattimer was eventually rescued and taken off to jail, but not before he had been shot in the neck, beaten unmercifully, and otherwise maltreated.

Judge Underwood appointed, yesterday, Hamilton G. Fant, Receiver in the Bank of Valley case, pending before him. The assets amount to over a million dollars, which, by order of the Court, are to be converted into cash, and deposited in the First National Bank of Richmond.

Jonathan K. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Hamilton, Loudoun county, vice J. M. Hoge.

At Richmond, the Freedmen's Bureau has commenced to furnish rations in extreme cases.

ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.—Our telegrams by the Atlantic cable, published to-day, inform us that the recent fresh eruption of Vesuvius is continually increasing in power and splendor. No eruption has occurred, probably, for centuries. Many people in the neighborhood of the volcano had left their homes, fearing an earthquake or some other terrible calamity. It is evident from the simultaneous volcanic action in this and other old craters at different parts of the globe, as well as from the vast area of the subterranean disturbance of the earth's crust, that there is some extraordinary cause at work. Yet these earthquakes and eruptions, which certainly have a connection, however remote one may be from the other, seem to recur certain periods in time. Science has not yet fully explained this extraordinary phenomenon. Why does the earth sleep for ages, and then suddenly tremble from the poles to the equator and spout forth its hidden fires? We measure the motions and times of the heavenly bodies so accurately that we can tell for ages to come when an eclipse or other astronomical event will take place; but we have not discovered either the periodic or spasmodic causes of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. We know in general that they arise from the force of pent up gases or matter in the bowels of the earth, or, perhaps, also from the contraction of the earth's crust in consequence of its cooling; but why they occur at one time and not at another, and what effect meteoric or atmospheric changes may have, we have not yet learned. We seem to be just now passing through one of those extraordinary periods of disturbance which come only at long intervals of time.—N. Y. Herald.

ARMY BREVETS.—The official list of brevets conferred in the regular army shows the absurdity of the present practice of brevet promotion in a strong light. The reasons assigned for these promotions have been given, and are curious. We find them thus summed up:

"Some were brevetted for specified distinguished and gallant services, and then brevetted for distinguished and gallant services in general. Many were brevetted for meritorious services, which were too modest to be specified. Some brevets were given back to particular gallant and distinguished services after brevets had been granted for subsequent gallant and distinguished services. An assistant surgeon was brevetted for faithful and meritorious services during the confinement of the conspirators, in administering to their daily wants, to date back to July, 1863. Officers were brevetted for faithful and meritorious services connected with recruiting and mustering in troops, and then brevetted again for mustering them out. Ordnance officers were brevetted for big guns and little guns, and quartermasters, and paymasters, and commissaries for faithful and distinguished services in clothing and equipment, paying out greenbacks at long intervals, and furnishing bacon and hard tack."

Mr. Davis and wife reached Havana on Wednesday, on their way to New Orleans. Gen. Custar, it is said, will spend his forced furlough in Europe.

BARGAINS IN LADIES' CLOAKS AND SHAWLS.—Our stock of NEW STYLE CLOAKS and SHAWLS embraces some of the best goods out this season, all of which we are now offering at prices that will give satisfaction.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

From Mexico we learn that brigandage in the interior is greatly on the increase, and that there is much destruction among the poorer classes of the population. A revolution has broken out in the Department of Yucatan, and is assuming large proportions. Santa Anna, who was at Havana at the last advice, has been proclaimed Dictator, the insurgents being in possession of the fort and town of Sisal. The Mexican Government had dispatched troops and artillery from Vera Cruz to Yucatan.

The U. S. troops at Alaska, sent there to take possession of that Territory, are in a most destitute condition, no preparations having been made for their reception, and the prospect is that they will be frozen to death or maimed for life before supplies can reach them. Gen. Grant and Gen. Sherman had a consultation a few days ago on the subject. General Grant stated that he had had nothing to do with the affair, that the President had ordered the troops there, and that he had no authority to act. (?)

The blacks in Montgomery, Alabama, were out in force on Christmas Day, contrary to the municipal regulations and military orders, with guns, pistols, &c., and in full uniform. No effort was made to suppress the demonstration. In the afternoon several thousand negroes were harangued in canonical language by Barber, Brainerd, and other prominent Radicals. Late in the afternoon, Barber and Brainerd were arrested by the military authorities.

The steamer Raleigh, from New York for New Orleans, was burned on the 24th instant, twenty miles off the coast of S. C. Eighteen of the passengers and crew were brought in by a tug next morning. Thirteen lives are supposed to have been lost, including Captain Marshman. More are missing, and when last seen were in a boat or clinging to pieces of the wreck. [Thirteen more have been saved.]

On Christmas morning a lad entered the office of the Superintendent of Police, in New York, and left a parcel, which he said had been given him to deliver by a gentleman at the Astor House. The parcel contained checks on the Bank of the State of New York, for three million six hundred and eighty-three thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars, the amount stolen from the bank messenger recently in Wall street.

The hands on the Chicago and Eastern R. R., at Richmond, Indiana, "struck" last week, and caused a slight interruption for a day or two. They were paid, and every one of them discharged, new hands obtained in their places, and everything made straight again. The strikers are applying to be allowed to come back again, but the company will not employ them.

Gen. Ord, it appears, has the editor of the Lake Village (Arkansas) Press in confinement. The Vicksburg Times says that he has been imprisoned for more than three months on charges preferred by a provost marshal, who, at last accounts, was himself on trial before an Arkansas court for obtaining money on false pretences.

The consolidation of express companies is to take effect on the 1st of January. The net earnings are to be consolidated, and 29 per cent. to the Adams, 26½ each to the Merchants' Union and American, and 18 to the United States. In the small towns the offices will also be consolidated. A common tariff will be established.

The people of Montreal, Canada, have been for some time passed rendered uneasy by rumors of a Fenian uprising on Christmas Day. It was reported that one of their schemes was to blow up the Cathedral. Troops were accordingly kept in readiness to move when called upon; but the day passed off quietly.

Conrad Wenckel, aged fifteen, and belonging to Baltimore, was found dead, on an ice pond, near Fort Wayne, Ind., on Tuesday.—He had been skating, and it is supposed that he broke in the ice, and after getting out was too much exhausted to get off, and chilled to death.

A man named John McNamara, residing on the Falls road, near Baltimore, beat his wife in the most shocking manner Christmas day, from the effects of which the unfortunate woman died in a short time. The murderer was committed to jail to await the action of the authorities of Baltimore county.

The Forrest divorce case is still in the courts at New York. Judge Jones, of the Superior Court, on Tuesday, delivered a decision at the instance of Mr. Forrest's former wife, the substance of which is that the alimony must be paid. The total amount now due is said to be about \$100,000.

Gen. T. W. Sweeney, ex Generalissimo of all the armies of the Irish Republic, who was tried by court-martial and suspended from rank and pay for six months, has had his sentence remitted by order of the President, and has been ordered to report to Gen. Pope for duty.

Another grand Pacific railroad excursion is on the tapis, for the benefit of the New York Wall street bankers and brokers principally. The intention is to go the whole length of the road, and as near the Rocky Mountains as possible.

There have been discharges recently at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in all but the engineers' department. The number discharged foot up to about eight hundred, leaving a thousand names of mechanics and laborers on the pay rolls.

The European steamships are rapid draining the country of gold. The steamship Rasia, which left New York on the 25th, took out, in specie, \$1,082,475. The steamship Union, which left yesterday took out above a million dollars in specie.

Snow had fallen in such abundance in some provinces of Spain that the railroads were blocked up. At Valencia the cold was so severe that it was expected the rivers would be frozen over.

At Bardonia, Ky., a week ago, a negro, guilty of an infamous crime, was forcibly taken from jail, shot, and the body thrown thirty feet down a ledge of rocks.

The remains of Gen. Griffin, who died recently of yellow fever in Texas, arrived in New York yesterday. They will be brought to Washington.

Prof. Agassiz predicts thirty-six snow storms this winter (?) We doubt whether he ever made such a prediction.

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HEAVY AND FINE CLOTHS.—Cloths for Workingmen's Suits, Cassinets, full Cloths; also, nett Woolen Over-Jackets, Lambs' Wool Shirts and Drawers, heavy Buckskin Gloves, and many other desirable goods during the present season. Call and examine at the corner of King and Fairfax sts.

Foreign News.

The precautions of the British Government against the Fenians continue. In addition to the regular police force, special constables are everywhere on duty, and other precautionary measures have been adopted.

The London Times, in an editorial on the Abyssinian war, which, it fears, will be protracted until next year, blames Sir William Napier, commander of the British forces, for delays which the expedition encountered, and says that nothing of consequence can be done during the present season.

The Russian Government has addressed a note to the Government of France, protesting earnestly against the shipping policy of the latter upon the Eastern question.

Advices from China by the overland mail and telegraph, report that the rebels are meeting with success in their operations against the Imperial Government.

Mr. E. Gould Buffum, an old American journalist, died in Paris on Tuesday. At the time of his death he was the Paris correspondent of the New York Herald.

The expected rising of the Fenians on Christmas did not occur, and the day was one of tranquillity and good feeling.

Edward Thornton, the newly appointed British minister to the United States will sail in a few days for America.

The Paris Patrie confirms the report that the French Government has ordered the departure of 20,000 more troops for Civita Vecchia.

SIGNS OF POLITICAL DETERIORATION.—The London Times of the 5th inst., winds up an article on American politics with this inquiry:

"How is it that the perfectly free representation machinery of the Union does not bring to the surface the best men of the republic, and that the Congress is almost as little a mirror of the country as the Common Council of New York is a representation of the wealth, the intelligence, and the public spirit of that city?"

We do not suppose that the Times asks this question "for information," in the spirit of a doleful learner. Its real object, probably, is to impress on the mind of English readers the idea that our system is a failure, and that it would be the height of human folly to substitute it for the British monarchy. Yet the Times pays great attention to American affairs—devoting one or two articles in almost every issue to the discussion of our finances, our President, our Congress, our Fenians, our territorial extension, or our army and navy—and we can not believe that it is incapable of framing the true answer to its own question. The answer, as every intelligent American understands it, is this: The causes of the present inferiority of the American Congress, as compared with Congresses of former days, do not originate from any radical defect in our system of government. If the fault were in the system, how does it happen that we had so many Congresses, up to 1850, or a later date, comprising (as a general rule) the best intellects and the purest hearts, we do not say of the country, but of the parties which in turn administered national affairs? If the system were bad, it should have broken down and become a hopeless wreck long before the period which we have designated. The causes which have produced the admitted deterioration in the quality of Congressmen are sufficiently plain.

Narrow-minded sectionalism, fanaticism, crept into party politics, new passions and anticipations were aroused, impulse took the place of reason, and those politicians who could harangue the lowest and the feeblest, gained the ear and the votes of the people; the ablest and the most honest of our statesmen either quitted politics in disgust, or of their own accord, or were supplanted by noisier demagogues; along without check or clog from the solid ability and worth of the country, culminated in the four years' war. During the war, and since its close, the same causes have been at work to keep inferior men at the posts of responsibility.—N. Y. J. of Commerce.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—On Wednesday night about 9 o'clock, as three men, named John Tongman, S. McHenry, and David Ellwood, were passing around the corner of L street north and Connecticut avenue they met a colored man and woman, and it is stated that Tongman unintentionally jostled the colored man, who instantly drew a revolver and fired at him, the ball entering the left breast and passing in the region of the heart, penetrated through the body. He died in a few hours afterwards. The woman died in the confusion of the assassin made his escape, and the colored man running in one direction and the woman in another.

Dr. W. J. C. Duhamel, the physician to the jail, has been dismissed from this position by Warden Huestis, owing to personal differences.

Mr. Ourand, the clerk of Mayor Wallace, was busily engaged all day Tuesday and part of Wednesday in paying to the police force of the city the amount due them by the Corporation. The amount disbursed was \$31,119 64.

The joyful observance of the great festival of the Christian world, it is gratifying to state, was not characterized in this city by any boisterous merriment, which too often mars the pleasure of others.

An effective organization has been perfected in Washington recently for the relief of the poor, and a large amount of money has been subscribed to purchase food and for the establishment of soup-houses in every ward. Great care is taken to prevent unworthy persons from participating in the benefits of this charity.

A negro man who had stole some chickens from the hen house of Mr. Cox near Bladensburg, was discovered and pursued, and after a desperate resistance, and being wounded, was finally captured, and sent on to Washington. He is an old chicken thief.

BARGAINS IN LADIES' DRESS GOODS.—We have on hand a large assortment of PLAIN and FIGURED FRENCH MERINOES, POPLINS AND REPS, and many other very desirable goods to suit the present season, which we are offering at prices that will give satisfaction to all.

ROBERT L. WOOD, dec 27 C. rner King and Fairfax streets.

FRESH COUNTRY MILK.—I have commenced to-day to deliver every morning in all parts of the city, fresh and pure country milk. Orders may be left for the same at the Grocery Store of Lewis Stein, on R. al street, opposite the Market House, or at the stall of Mrs. Pulman, in the market square, and at Mr. James Grigg's Grocery, 189, King st.

dec 4—1m SAMUEL PULMAN.

WHOLESALE NOTIONS! WHOLESALE NOTIONS! Country merchants visiting our city to purchase supplies for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, would find it to their interest to examine my stock of

FANCY GOODS, which comprises a great variety as can be found in any wholesale house in Baltimore, and at prices which I guarantee equally as low.

My stock of "FRENCH GOODS," such as Nubie Scarf, Sashes, Hoods, Shawls, &c., is large and choice, in which I offer great bargains. Some of these goods I am selling at 20 per cent less than factory prices.

CHARLES W. GREEN, dec 21 68, King st.

FRED! FRED! FRED! We have on hand all kinds of FRED, which we are prepared to sell at low prices, delivered to our friends and customers in any portion of the city. Give us your orders.

GWYN, BECKHAM & CO., dec 12 33, King street.

TRIMMINGS! TRIMMINGS! At Greatly Reduced Prices. I shall commence from this day to sell my entire stock of the above goods at cost.

Call at C. C. BERRY'S, nov 29 For Bargains in Trimmings.

PAPER.—Just received another supply of the above paper, direct from the Richmond and Manchester Mills.

JOHN H. PARROTT, cor. King and Water sts.

BAZIN'S & HEGEMAN'S COMPOUND CAMPHOR ICE, WITH GLYCERINE, for chapped hands and face, sore lips, sun burn, &c., &c., for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL, dec 14 Cor Prince and Fairfax streets.

SOAP.—Van Huagen & McKee's Stearine, Chemical Oil, Dobbins' Electric and Quaker City Palm Soap, for sale by

FRED RECKER, dec 4—4w King street, corner St. Asaph.

KEROSENE OIL of the best quality, at rates by

E. S. LEADBEATER & CO., dec 7

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, December 27.

FLOUR, Superfine	10 50	@ 11 00
Extra	12 00	@ 12 25
Family Extra	14 50	@ 15 75
Family choice	15 25	@ 16 50
WHEAT, White, prime	2 55	@ 2 65
Red, prime	2 55	@ 2 65
Good	2 50	@ 2 55
Good	2 30	@ 2 40
CORN, White	1 10	@ 1 15
Mixed	1 10	@ 1 12
Yellow	1 08	@ 1 10
CORN MEAL	1 10	@ 1 15
OATS	1 15	@ 1 20
DRESSED HOGS, per 100 lbs.	8 50	@ 9 25
APPLES, Dried per 10	5 00	@ 5 00
Green per bbl.	2 50	@ 4 00
IRISH POTATOES	0 50	@ 0 50
SEED, Flax	2 25	@ 2 30
Timothy	3 75	@ 4 00
Clover	9 50	@ 10 00
SUMAC 100 lbs	1 00	@ 1 60
PLASTER, Lump, per ton of 2240 pounds	9 00	@ 0 00
Ground	11 00	@ 0 00
SALT, Ground Alum.	3 10	@ 2 25
Liverpool fine	2 20	@ 3 25
Turk's Island, from store	0 60	@ 0 65
WOOL, Common Unwashed	0 22	@ 0 24
Washed	0 25	@ 0 38
Piece, washed	0 28	@ 0 30
Merino, unwashed	0 25	@ 0 28
Butter, prime	0 35	@ 0 38
Common to middling	0 20	@ 0 25
EGGS	0 37	@ 0 40
BACON, Hams, prime country	0 16	@ 0 17
Sugar-cured	0 18	@ 0 19
Shoulders	0 14	@ 0 15
Sides	0 11	@ 0 12
LARD	0 12	@ 0 13
HAY, per ton, from the cars	18 00	@ 20 00
WILKEY	2 05	@ 0 00

REMARKS.—The market closes quiet. Flour is in fair request for city consumption, and prices have undergone no change. In Wheat there has been comparatively little doing, the receipts being light, and the demand moderate.

There were sales this morning of white at 230, 240 and 250 for inferior to fair white, and 225, 240, 245 and 250 for common to good red. Corn is in fair demand, but prices are somewhat lower, the decline in the Northern markets affecting prices here. Sales of 2546 bushels white and mixed new at 110, 111 and 112; old white 114, and new yellow 110. The greater portion of the Corn now coming in, is in bad condition. It is in fair demand, with sales at 147-149.

Outs quiet and unchanged since yesterday. Plaster is coming in demand, and as our merchants sell by the long ton, farmers will find it advantageous to purchase here. Butter is in brisk demand for city use. Lard quiet. Eggs scarce and wanted. Dressed Hogs very firm.

Poultry in fair supply.

The Flour and Grain markets in Baltimore, yesterday, were quiet and dull, with no change, except in Corn, which declined 3/8c. The market in New York, yesterday, was drooping.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Gold to-day 132 1/2.

OLD DOMINION NAILS, &c.—We have in store 700 kegs of Nails, of the above celebrated brand, which are the best made sold in the market, the iron being of superior quality, nearly equal to the clinch nails. Also, a large supply of LOCKS and other Builders' Hardware, all of which we will sell at the lowest prices for cash, wholesale or retail.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON, dec 16 88, King street.

JOHN T. EVANS Has just returned this day, from New York, with a good assortment of LADIES', MISSES' & CHILDREN'S FURS such as Head Sable, Muffs, Collars, and Sable Mitts, Scarfs and Collars; Russian Otter do.; Canadian Mink do.; French Mink do.; Siberian Squirrel Muffs and Collars.

BUILDERS' HARDWARE, TABLE CUTLERY, &c. Bargains offered at 88, King street, Alexandria, Va.

Our stock of Hardware, &c., being much too large, at the present time, we will offer inducements to purchasers in that line. We have on hand Hunt's Picks and Chopping Axes, which we offer at less than factory prices. Call and see.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON, dec 4

TO THE LADIES OF THIS CITY. The Ladies of this city will please remember that they can get Valerian and Pile-lets from 50c to \$1.00; Pile-Donuts, \$1.25; Featherers, 50c. All kinds of Millinery Goods, suitable for Christmas gifts cheap for cash at

MRS. C. L. SIMPSON'S, dec 19 189, King st., near Washington st.

MARYLAND SHELL MARL.—Having been appointed agents for the sale of this fertilizer we are prepared to furnish any amount to those who may desire to prove its virtue, at very low rates.

Certificates from parties who can vouch as to the superiority of this above many other fertilizers, if desired

dec 25—GWYN, BECKHAM & CO.